

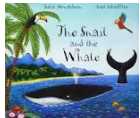


## Year 1 – Downs Way – Spring Term 2018

Everyone at Downs Way is supported, challenged and secure in a caring environment.

### English Learning

Out topic for the half term is 'Animal planet'. We will explore the text Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson. We will be immersing ourselves through the text through drama, role play, diary writing and discussing and debating our viewpoints. Alongside this, we will learn how to turn singular words into plurals and focus on spelling our common exception words correctly.



### Topic Learning

**Science** – Our topic this half term will be 'Animals including humans' which will involve us learning about the different body parts of animals and humans, grouping and describing animals and naming animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

**Geography** – We are studying the United Kingdom and will be looking at Scotland in detail. We will be asking questions about Scotland and studying the features of the country.

**Computing** – We will be continuing to focus on algorithms and will be programming and debugging Beebots.

**Music** – Our unit this term is called 'in the groove'. We will use instruments and learn numerous songs whilst focusing on pitch, rhythm and tempo.

**RE** – We are learning about Judaism and will be comparing it to Christianity.

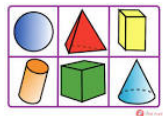
**Art & DT** – This term we will be studying the artist Kandinsky and at the end of unit we will mimic his work. We will focus on mixing colours to make shades and tints.

**PSHE & British Values** – 'Going for goals'.

**PE** – Will be developing our ball skills alongside learning a series of dances based on familiar texts.

### Maths Learning

Throughout this half term we will be developing our understanding of number. We will be partitioning 2 digit numbers in to tens and ones, learning how to multiply and divide by sharing and grouping. We will explore 3D shapes and begin to find fractions of shapes and different amounts.



### Learning Alongside the Termly Topic

We will be continuing with the MindUp program and will learn more about the brain. We will find out how we can be mindful with our learning.

We will continue to focus on being resilient learners as well as asking questions to extend our learning.

Alongside Literacy we will continue to develop phonological awareness with focus on reading split digraphs within real words and alien words. We will be developing our understanding of texts in guided reading.

### Supporting Learning At Home

Daily reading for 15 minutes, weekly handwriting homework and phonics play <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/InteractiveResources.htm> Thank you for your continued support! 😊